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1. Five Polish barges were in Fürstenberg/Oder on 5 December 1954. These barges were the first Polish barges to come into the East German waterways in recent years, and their arrival was the cause of a celebration of Polish-East German friendship. There was a dance at Fürstenberg/Oder on 5 December 1954 which celebrated the arrival of the Poles.
2. The five Polish barges were from Kosle (Coseł) and Gliwice (Gleiwitz). The barges were carrying between two and three thousand tons of coal from Poland to a power plant at Berlin-Klingenberg. These barges were manned by Silesians and ethnic Poles. Each barge had one NO man aboard.
3. This Polish barge service has been initiated because Poland is unable to handle East German coal demands through existing rail facilities. The DSU is scheduled to send its barges into the Polish ports of Gliwice and Kosle; but it is doubted that this traffic will be initiated prior to the spring of 1955. DSU officials are reluctant to send barges into Poland as late in the year as December because a sudden freeze could tie the barges up in Poland over the entire winter. This would be expensive for the DSU because the German personnel receive subsistence payments while in Poland.
4. A second fleet of Polish barges was due to arrive at Fürstenberg/Oder on 12 December 1954.

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